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PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
FOR THE YEAR 1962

To which is added
the Annual Report of the
SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY:-

Medical Officer of Health

G. Nisbet, MB. Ch.B. (Ed.)
D.P.H., R.S.C.
(Ed.)

Chief Public Health Inspector

M. R. Gibbs, A.R.S.H.,
M.P.H.I.A.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	28,186 acres.
Population estimated mid 1962	8,230
Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book	2,864
Rateable Value	£74,443
Sum Represented by Penny Rate	£311.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENGLAND & WALES,

<u>Live Births:</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leg.	77	70	147
Ill.	5	2	7
Total	<u>82</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>154</u>

<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000</u> <u>Population</u>	18.7	18.0
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<u>Still-births</u>	Leg.	1	-	1
	Ill.	-	-	-
		<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

<u>Still-birth rate per 1,000</u> <u>Live and stillbirths</u>	6.4	18.1
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<u>Infant Deaths</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leg.	1	-	1
Ill.	-	-	-
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

<u>Infant Mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births: Total</u>	6.4	21.4
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births: Legitimate.</u>	6.8
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births: illegitimate</u>	0.0
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<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u>	6.4	15.1
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<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>	6.4
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<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> <u>per 1,000 live & stillbirths.</u>	12.9
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<u>Maternal Deaths.</u>	0.0
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<u>Maternal mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live and stillbirths.</u>	0.0	0.35
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<u>Death Rate per 1,000 Population</u>	8.7	11.9
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International statistical classification of diseases.

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATH.

Male

Female

Tuberculosis respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis (other forms)	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Menigococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	1	2
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasm	7	5
Leukaemia & Aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous sytem	4	3
Coronary Diseases	10	6
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases	4	2
Other circulatory diseases	-	2
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	1	4
Bonchitis	3	1
Other Diseases Respiratory system	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	6	5
Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	1	-
Suicide	-	-
Homicide & Operations of War	-	-
	<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

	Under 1 Week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months			TOTAL UNDER 1 year
Premature Birth and Malformation etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM.

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	3	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	-	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 "	4 "	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 "	25 - 34 "	35 - 44 "	45 - 54 "	55 - 64 "	Over 65 years	Unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-

TUBERCULOSIS

	Deaths during 1962				New Cases during 1962			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 "	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
25 - 35 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 - 45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 - 65 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	-

New Cases notified during 1960 = 2
 " " " " 1961 = 2
 " " " " 1962 = 6

FACTORY ACT, 1937 PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Presecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	8	10	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	27	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	30	37	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases."

Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector Referred	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness				/
Overcrowding				
Inadequate Ventilation				
Ineffective drainage of floors.				
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) unsuitable or defective				
(c) not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork.)				
TOTAL				

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) ...Nil.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing in the Home.

Under the County Council Scheme Nursing Services are available in all villages of the District.

Home Helps.

Home Helps can be obtained through the County Council Services, Application should be made to:-

The Home Help Organiser,
County Council Offices,
Bridge Street,
Peterborough.

General Hospitals.

The Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, administered by the Peterborough No. 12 Area Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Isolation Hospitals.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the management of the above Hospital Management Committee.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

(a) Provided by the Duke of Peterborough County Council.

Child Welfare.

Clinics:-

- | | |
|---|---|
| (a) Village Hall, Castor. | 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon each month. |
| (b) Methodist Church
Schoolroom, Eye. | 1st and 3rd Monday afternoon each month |
| (c) Village College, Glinton. | 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday
afternoon each month. |
| (d) Village Hall, Newborough.
(Now Dr. Fuller's Surgery) | 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon each month. |
| (e) School Canteen; | 4th Wednesday afternoon each month. |

School Clinic.

The Arthur Mellows Village College,
Glinton. Monday mornings.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Provided by the General Practitionery Service under the County Council.

(b) Provided by the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board
Peterborough Area Hospital Management Committee.

Tuberculosis	The Chest Clinic, 1, Thorpe Road, Peterborough.
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Veneraal Diseases	The Memorial Hospital, Midland Road, Peterborough.
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Male Clinics:-

Monday & Wednesday	5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Female Clinics:-

Tuesday
Thursday

10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Laboratory Facilities.

Public Health Laboratory,
Memorial Hospital,
Peterborough.

Bacteriological examinations are provided for Preventative Medicine of the Public Health Service for the General Practitioner Health Service.



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PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report on the Public Health Inspector, Surveyor
and Water Engineer for the Year 1962.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my fifth annual report.

The sewerage scheme for Maxey, Northborough and Marholm commenced towards the end of the year and should be completed in approximately two years time. There will then remain to be considered a scheme for the central portion of Newborough, which is developing at a rather surprising pace and possibly small schemes for the Parishes of Sutton and Upton, at a later date.

The completion of new private houses dropped compared with last years figures. There appears to be a tendency for prospective house purchasers to prefer to live in small groups of houses than on larger estates.

The improvement of older properties continued at a steady rate and should accelerate when the Maxey, Northborough and Marholm Sewerage Scheme has been completed.

Eight Council bungalows at Maxey were in the course of erection at the end of the year and a start was made on the grouped homes scheme at Hodney Road; Eye. When the latter is completed it is hoped to deal with some of the unfit property in Eye.

Improvements to eight pre-war houses at Borough Fen were completed and similar work was in progress at 25 houses at Helpston.

Some progress was made in dealing with unfit property but more houses and bungalows need to be erected before further progress can be made.

Further improvements were carried out to licensed caravan sites at these are now up to a reasonably good standard.

The improvement of licensed premises made further progress.

A direct labour scheme for refuse collection was introduced on April 1st. and difficulties have arisen through inability to secure and maintain the necessary labour. Towards the end of the year the Council introduced a bonus incentive scheme with a view to speeding up collections.

There was a reduction in the demand for the cesspool emptying service following the provision of main drainage.

Public Health Work.

Infectious Diseases.

I was not called on to carry out any enquiries or disinfection work during the year.

National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 50).

There were no cases dealt with during the year.

Public Health Act - Complaints & Nuisances.

26 complaints were received during the year. Most of these were dealt with informally. One Nuisance Order was obtained in the Magistrates Court, to abate a nuisance through disrepair at a house at Eye.

Food Premises.

Number of premises on register 40.

Inspections made 53.

Contraventions found Two.

" remedied Nil.

Shops Act.

There are 50 shops on the register. 53 inspections were made and no contraventions found.

Factories Act.

Number of factories on the register 30.

Number of inspections made 37.

Contraventions found Nil.

Unsound Food.

12 x 6 lb. tins of corned beef were condemned due to metallic contamination from the tins.

Licensed premises.

The following improvements were carried out during the year :-

Black Bull, Deeping Gate.	Property connected to public sewer.
Red Lion, Eye.	Premises modernised.
Exter Arms, Helpston.	Connected to public sewer & gents W.C. provided.
Blue Bell, Helpston.	New sanitary conveniences installed & property connected to public sewer.
Blue Bell, Maxey.	Conveniences improved & wash-up provided in bar.
Black Bull, Newborough.	Drainage system improved.
Pack Horse, Northborough.	Wash-up provided in bar.

There now remain only four houses which are not up to standard.

Rodent Control.

Inspections made (estimated).

At private dwellings	321.
" business premises	45.
" agricultural premises	12.
" Council property	11.

Treatments carried out :-

At business premises	3.
" private houses	2.
" refuse tips	-.
" farms	-.
" Council houses	9.

In the majority of cases, people find it cheaper to carry out their own disinfection work.

HOUSING.

A total of 63 dwellings were completed by private enterprise during the year, a decrease of 39 over the figure for 1961.

They were distributed in the following Parishes :-

Ailsworth	7
Castor	2
Deeping Gate	2
Etton	1
Eye	3
Glington	3
Helpston	12
Marholm	1
Maxcy	1
Newborough	10
Northborough	20
Peakirk	1

There were 64 properties in the course of erection at the end of the year, as follows :-

Castor	1
Deeping Gate	1
Eye	4
Glington	4
Helpston	14
Maxcy	10
Newborough	10
Northborough	17
Peakirk	3

Improvement Grants.

(a) Discretionary Grants.

A total of 15 applications for improving 15 properties were approved during the year, a decrease of 7 on the figure for 1961. The total amount of grant approved was £5,462 (an average of £364 per dwelling).

10 applications were for tenanted properties and 5 for owner/occupiers. At the end of the year work was complete at 5 properties and in progress at 3 others.

The properties concerned were in the following Parishes :-

Ailsworth	1
Deeping Gate	1
Etton	2
Glington	2
Helpston	2
Marholm	1
Newborough	2
Northborough	1
Peakirk	1
Sutton	1
Upton	1

(b) Standard Grants.

A total of 25 applications were approved, a decrease of 4 on last years figures.

Applications were for the following amenities :-

Baths	18
Washbasins	19
Hot water systems	20
W.C.'s	25
Larders	8

The properties concerned were in the following Parishes :-

Castor	1
Deeping Gate	1
Etton	1
Eye	4
Glington	1
Helpston	6
Maxey	1
Newborough	2
Northborough	1
Peakirk	6

One application was refused as the property had been converted since 1958. Eight applications were for tenanted properties and 17 for owner/occupiers. Work had been completed at 10 properties and was in progress at 4 others.

Council Houses.

(a) Building.

Twenty houses at Crowland Road, Eye, were completed during the year and 8 bungalows at Maxey were in the course of erection.

Towards the end of the year, a start was made on the Grouped Homes Scheme at Hodney Road, Eye.

(b) Improvements.

Improvements were carried out at 8 pre-war houses in the Parish of Borough Fen and similar work was in progress at 25 houses in Helpston. There now remain the pre-war houses at Marholm, Maxey, Newborough and Northborough, to be dealt with.

The laying of paving slab paths to the pre-war houses in Eye was completed.

(c) Maintenance.

External painting was carried out to 145 houses (Glington 102. Church Close, Newborough 28, and bungalows Back Lane, Eye 15).

Clearance of Unfit Property.

13 houses were represented for Closing and Demolition Orders during the year.

16 houses were demolished.

Plans under Building Byclaws.

189 plans were submitted under Building Byclaws as compared with 203 for 1961. 66 of these were for private garages.

Public Cleansing.

(a) Cesspool Emptying.

The total number of tanks emptied during the year was 559. 209 of these were at Council houses and 350 at private houses. These figures show a decrease of 108 over those for 1961.

The following are figures for individual Parishes :-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Private Houses.</u>	<u>Council Houses.</u>
Ailsworth	1	-
Borough Fen	2	10
Castor	3	-
Deeping Gate	16	-
Etton	3	-
Eye	21	-
Glington	10	-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Private Houses.</u>	<u>Council Houses.</u>
Helpston	34	-
Marholm	21	74
Maxey	49	57
Newborough	29	23
Northborough	129	37
Peakirk	19	2
Sutton	5	-
Upton	-	6
Other districts	7	-

We again found the tanker useful for flushing sewers, drains and dykes and for general pumping purposes.

(b) Night Soil Collection.

The collection of night soil will cease in the Parishes of Peakirk and Helpston at the end of the year. The only parishes in which it is now collected are : Borough Fen, Newborough, Maxey and Northborough, and it will cease in the latter two Parishes at a reasonable time after the sewerage scheme is completed.

(c) Refuse Collection.

Collections were commenced by direct labour on April 1st. There has been continual difficulty with labour and it has been necessary on two occasions to call in a contractor to catch up with the arrears of work.

The Council decided in November to introduce a bonus incentive scheme whereby the men will have a basic target of premises to collect from at the basic J.I.C. rates and will be paid a bonus for all properties collected from above that figure. It is hoped that this will bring about an improvement and eventually lead to collections being made more frequently than once a fortnight.

Drainage & Sewerage Disposal.

The scheme for Helpston, Etton, Peakirk and Glington, was completed during the year, apart from pumping station alterations.

Towards the end of the year, a start was made on the scheme for Maxey, Northborough and Marholm and this should be completed in about 2 - 2½ years time.

The time will soon be opportune to consider a scheme for the central portion of Newborough where development is now taking place. Thirteen properties have recently been completed, nine are in the course of erection and planning permission has been granted for over 20 more.

The following connections were made to sewers during the year :-

Ailsworth	1
Castor	1
Deeping Gate	5
Glington	4
Helpston	49
Peakirk	27

Closet Conversions.

Fair progress was made in the work of converting pail and earth closets to W.C.'s. Apart from properties scheduled for clearance, there now remain the following to be dealt with :-

Glington 1. Etton 5. Peakirk 14. Helpston 30.

23 properties in Eye had conversions carried out and there are now 28 to be dealt with.

Bus Shelters.

A Q type bus shelter was erected near the Bull Inn, Guntons Road, Newborough.

Water Supply.

58 new connections were made to mains, as follows :-

New properties	46
Fields & farms	3
Existing houses	3
Churchyards	1
Allotments	1
Nurseries	1
Chapels	2
Football fields	1

This does not include connections made by private estate developers.

The total quantity of water purchased in bulk from the Peterborough Corporation was 95,906,000 gallons, an increase of just over a million gallons compared with the figures for 1961. The increase can be accounted for by the erection of new properties and improvements to the older houses. It would no doubt have been higher but for the ban on the use of hosepipes imposed during the Summer months.

Petroleum Act.

47 licences were issued to store petroleum spirit and the amount of fees collected was £32. 10. 0.

Labour.

I regret having to report the death of our foreman, Mr. L. Dunmore, after 33 years loyal and conscientious service. The year also saw the retirement through ill-health of Mr. A. Goodliffe, who had served for 5½ years.

Once again I should like to thank the staff and workmen for their continued help and support.

I am,
Sir, Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

M.R. GIBBS.

Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.